

# Whalesong

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## In Brief

### National Student Exchange

Next fall 11 students will study at other American universities and 18 students from other campuses will study at UAS as part of the National Student Exchange. UAS students will study in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Oregon. Students will come to UAS from Arizona, California, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington. Most NSE students pay their in-state tuition while attending a host university for a semester or a year.

### Student Presents Paper

Yarrow Vaara presented "Studying my Ancestors: An Alaska Native Perspective on Prehistoric Archeology," at an international conference in Boulder March 12. Vaara worked for three years on a Prince of Whales Island cave excavation containing the 9,200-year old remains of the oldest human found in Alaska or Canada.

### Student Second at Nationals

Synchronized swimmer Julia Klien, a UAS freshman, placed second in the "C" figures at the 2000 U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Championships last weekend in Ohio. Klien represented UAS as a team of one and finished 15 out of 19 teams entered. Klien also won an Academic Excellence Award for her UAS G.P.A. She plans to continue competitive synchronize swimming next year and hopes to find a duet partner.

## Important Dates

- 4/1 Campus clean up, 1 p.m.
- 4/1 UAS pizza party at Bullwinkles, all students eat for free, 7 p.m.
- 4/3 Start of International Village Fair
- 4/6 Greece discussion, noon, Lake Room.
- 4/7 Peace Corps volunteers, noon, Maurant Student Lounge.
- 4/7 Singer/Songwriter concert, 7 pm location TBA
- 4/8 Humanities/Communications Conference 9 a.m., Egan Library
- 4/8 Spring Fling dance, 9 p.m. Baranof Hotel

## Medieval Era Captivates UAS Community celebrates history at Renaissance Faire



Fearless SCA warriors battle for their honor at the SAC.

Photo by Dave Kleinpeter

By Eric Morrison  
Whalesong Editor

Music, food and fund raising fun helped contribute to the success of the fourth annual Renaissance Faire that took place at the Student Activity Center on Mar. 25. The medieval theme attracted students, faculty as well as members of the community in celebration of a historic era.

The six hour fair was organized by Tish Griffin, who was largely assisted by the student volunteers who helped set up the event. The market, fundraising booths and entertainment were all voluntary. There was a kissing booth from the Spanish club,

archery from Student Activities, and a market that included tarot card readings, and various arts and crafts vendors.

The UAS food service had a booth set up offering such delicacies as Dragon's Ribs, Josted Beef, Garroled Chicken, Gargoyle Sausage, Dragon Eggs, Sorcerer's Brew and Serfs Sludge. There was a variety of performances at the fair, including The Dominos (recorder music), Daughters of the New Moon (Belly Dancers), Steve Bodner (Solo Lute) and climaxed by an Oregon singer/songwriter named Cindy Pearson.

The Renaissance Faire is hosted by UAS, but is greatly assisted by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), a group

that celebrates the historic value of the medieval era. "It's definitely a Student Activities event, but the idea was first brought to me by the SCA," said Griffin.

The SCA had many members participating in the Faire's events, such as Hill Lewis, (in SCA, aka Roland) a 2-year SCA veteran who demonstrated medieval style fighting for the faire's attendants. Lewis joined the SCA for "The armor, chivalry and the time period." And fights with his War Hammer to "get a good rush and get to rough house and nobody goes to jail for it, and it's pretty good exercise."

Angus MacBrude, or known to the UAS community as Brian Oldfield, came out to support both UAS and the SCA. Oldfield also likes to show support for the diversity of people and events that the Renaissance Faire offers. "The music was really excellent, I know people take it for granted because we hear so many talented musicians around town," he said, "It's really fun, a really good community gathering. They had a great selection this year."

A major benefit that the Renaissance Faire has to offer UAS and the community is that it brought history to life. Activities Programmer Lola Savatgy said "It gives them [students] culture, it's all part of the Renaissance community," and "Everyone can learn from history, and it's more fun when not just reading about it."

The Renaissance Faire 2000 was a complete success for UAS and everyone who attended. It promoted diversity, history, and fun all in a peaceful environment that celebrated an important era. As Savatgy put it, "It's neat because it gets the community involved with the school and that's really important. It's important for the community to see what the university contributes to Juneau."

## Anti-Freedom Faction Defeated Again U.S. Supreme Court rules against conservative students

By Chris Flanagan  
Whalesong Reporter

In a somewhat surprising and unanimous decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against conservative students who said their freedom of speech was violated because a share of their activity fees went to clubs that held views and beliefs different from their own.

On the Supreme Court docket, the case is listed as Scott Southworth (et al) Vs. The Board of Regents and The University of Wisconsin University System.

Represented by the right-wing Northstar Legal Center's Jordan Lorence, the students' case claimed that the University's conservative undergraduates First Amendment rights were being violated because the University allowed the existence of student clubs with views that offended the conservative students.

The self-identified Christian conservative students attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison sought to suppress and nullify 18 of their neighbor students' 125 campus groups and clubs supported by a small percentage of their student activity fee. Prominent among the clubs attacked were groups associated with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

populations on Campus. Several similar cases have been pursued around the country recently, usually by Christian conservatives objecting to the existence of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender groups on campus.

In the unanimous decision Justice Kennedy wrote, "Universities possess significant interests in encouraging students to take advantage of the social, civic, cultural, and religious opportunities available in surrounding communities and through the country. The speech the University seeks to encourage in the program before us is distinguished not by discernible limits but by its vast, unexplored bounds. To insist upon asking what speech is germane would be contrary to the very goal the University seeks to pursue."

The ruling upheld the state of Wisconsin's argument that the department of Student Activities is, and should remain in and of itself "Viewpoint neutral" and has no business passing negative judgments, in the form of a denial of funding or recognition, down upon one group over another. The decision itself bolsters the principle that a diversity of views is a critically valuable element of the University experience.

In writing his decision Anthony

Kennedy defines "viewpoint neutral" and the decision as a whole when he said, "The first Amendment permits the university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech... When a university requires its students to pay fees to support the extracurricular speech of other students, all in the interest of open discussion, it may not prefer some viewpoints to others. The [Wisconsin] program in its basic structure must be found consistent with the First Amendment."

When contacted by the Whalesong for background on this case, attorney Peter Anderson of the Wisconsin Attorney General's office, co-counsel on the case commented, "This decision by the Supreme Court both protects and informs universities, telling them, in effect, that free speech is sacred even at the university level, and that those schools who operate within a "viewpoint neutral" system are doing what they're supposed to do, and that those universities that don't operate in a viewpoint neutral manner had better start."

Filing a friend-of-the-court brief was the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU's Lesbian and Gay

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# Letters to the Editor

## To hate or not to hate

Do we really want any part of our University to be a hostile or discriminatory place for any of our students? That is why at least one of the three females left the Whalesong. It's no wonder the paper is so often sexist in many of its so-called articles, most of the women are gone! The main problem we have here is that the hired staff is not in any way held accountable for their actions or content of the paper. While they \*could\* be held accountable by their high standards, that issue doesn't even enter the picture. The windows and doors are almost always shut; even the small window on the door is taped up with paper. This can intimidate students who may want to chat with Whalesong Staff or submit something. Does some of the Whalesong Staff have something to hide? Are they drinking beer or looking at pornography sites on the Internet? Who knows? At least they removed the mannequin that was in there so long. Wonder what they were doing with \*that\* behind closed doors?

Now let's talk about quality and equality. I don't believe those words exist to people like Rob Carruth, Wilson Walz and Eric Morrison. Judging by their articles, their amazing belligerence in clicking on "Spell Check," or following simple ethical guidelines of journalism, and the plethora of self portraits in the paper, I don't think they care either. In the March 10, 2000 paper, page four (of a measly eight), I was beginning to get excited to read about the Beat Poet's Conference in Ketchikan. Then I got to the SECOND SENTENCE and realized this was not at all about the Conference, but about how much alcohol the boys drank (as if that's something to brag about). But then, if attention were taken away from them, where would their self-confidence come from? I was severely disappointed to see a quarter of the paper dedicated to the Beat Poet's Conference and the winning poem not even included! Maybe that was just a bad judgment call. I believe the staff should actually get off their butts and go find material that appeals to different types of people than waiting for submissions to be spoon-fed to them.

The offensive, sexist, egotistical, testosterone-infested stories are cute in a little boy sort of way, but "Boys will be boys" is not how this situation should be dealt with. I'd like to think this University helps mature boys like these...maybe it will take a few years. However, this poor quality of paper is not what students pay their hard-earned money for. The Production Manager and Editor both receive full tuition waivers AND stipends for the work they do (or don't do). They are not currently held accountable to anybody or anything and certainly don't seem to give a damn about quality or even quantity (8 pages!). Has anyone else noticed the Whalesong has brought itself and the University to new lows this year?

Tia Anderson  
UAS Student Body Vice President

## Lighten up, have some fun

To the Malcontent Conceited Student Who Wrote the Hate Mail,

Ever partied...I'm sorry. Do you beat your dog? With that attitude maybe you need to smoke some pot. Because a person parties does not mean that they will amount to nothing. (You think Clinton didn't inhale? Yeah right.) I am sure you will make a great impression on potential employers using quotes from Augustine and your lack of ability to relate to others. If you want to bitch, bitch about something worth bitching about. If you don't like the student paper, then get a subscription to the Readers Digest like my grandparents. There are some nice articles in there.

I am not writing this letter to promote drugs and alcohol. I am from a larger city and I wanted the students here to know that this is a very conservative school already. I find it refreshing to hear that someone likes to party here. Quit your bitchin' and find peace with yourself and the others you have to share this world with.

Jer,  
A Student Who Enjoys Life

## Whalesong has poor taste

Reading the last issue of The Whalesong, February 25, 2000 I am offended. Many of the articles are chalked full of sexist ideology. For example: the review by Wilson Walz. This journalist uses many sexual phrases in reviewing the movie The Beach. I have an open mind but I am offended by terms such as pullout and "want to touch the hiney." Referring to both women and men as vixens and studs is a perfect example of demeaning language. This review content was masked by the outstanding use of bias terminology.

However Walz was not the only one that has poor taste and offensive remarks in the two articles that he wrote. In the article "who's got the whiskey?" There are many references to alcohol and illegal drugs and how students should use to enjoy dances. For one alcohol is illegal to have on campus and illegal for those students under 21. Not to mention getting "high" for these adverts is illegal for everyone.

The front-page article also by Rob Carruth is offensive. "Learning how to put on a condom at the age of 23, now that's crazy considering that I have been using condoms since I was 13," this whole opening statement belittles those who haven't learned the proper technique of putting on a condom. Some students choose to keep their virginity at least to the age of consent. If in fact at the age of 13 this journalist was having sexual intercourse there is a possible legal issue there having to do with statutory rape if the partner was over 18 or 3 years older. "Play, but play safe" good advice "Drink the milk, but if it turns sour, don't have sex unless you're having safe sex." That whole last part is just unnecessary.

The Dr. Love section is highly misleading. One suggestion that Dr. Love gives to one writer is to use a sheep skin condom because the writer's partner might be allergic to regular condoms. Sheepskin condoms don't prevent the spread of many types of STD's. For example the HIV/AIDS virus can pass through this type of barrier. Another suggestion given by Dr. Love is to "kick his ass" referring to a roommate that makes unwanted sexual advancements toward girls. Physical harming another is never something that anyone should do. Not to mention that if you do hurt someone you can be charged with assault and battery and you can go to jail. If someone is having problems with a roommate talk to Timi at Housing or call the police. Never hurt a person.

In the UAS personals column attacking people is not acceptable. Timi is only doing her job. As for the remark "Please encourage UA President Hamilton to contribute one of his poems to the Whalesong. If you speak he will listen." Personally I would be mortified if the President ever read the articles that I have listed in this letter.

The Whalesong is a student newspaper. All students should enjoy it. Having exclusive, sexual, sexist, racist, negative defining and deprecating language isn't what a college newspaper should subscribe to. In closing it is my hope that you will consider the above mentioned and make changes.

Suzan Bryson  
UAS Student Senator

## Stop the Censorship

On Friday, March 31, the Student Council plans to open a forum to pass a review committee for the Whalesong student newspaper. When has something like this happened before? The Communist Party made themselves into a review committee for the Soviet newspaper Pravda after Trotsky as his ideals of free press were removed. While the Soviet Union defended the Communist Party's actions, many Western countries pinpointed the review committee as a covert censorship board. The journalists began writing articles that pleased the Communist Party, their target audience. If a UAS review board is created with the authority of denying articles into the paper, the review board is not only censoring the newspaper, but also undermining the power of the editor. If a UAS review board is created to look over the paper but does not exercise any power of editing, the review board is a waste of University funds. I understand that many people are angered by some of the material in the Whalesong as of late, but creating a bureaucracy is not a good way to fix problems.

Mike Heiman  
UAS Student

## What's a first Amendment?

Once again, we at the Whalesong have been told to reconsider the content that we choose to publish because we are perceived by some students and faculty to be sexist, racist, fascist, radical, communist, and every other label that you place on your worst enemy. I realize that this is a very conservative university with very conservative ideals and students. Truth be told, this is probably the most conservative student newspaper published in the country (excluding Bob Jones University, see last issue).

As a collective group, the Whalesong is just about as diverse as any other group or club on campus. Each member of this team is an individual, with individual ideas, morals, values, fears and rights. Every member of the staff has the right to write about anything they feel is relevant to this college environment. That includes sex, drugs and good ole' fashioned rock n roll, yeah baby, it's a real groovy era. If you really think that the Whalesong is a sexist, racist, or obnoxious student newspaper, I suggest that you invest a little bit of your time in searching the Internet for the major university newspapers. Yale, Harvard, University of Oregon and the University of Washington all take full advantage of their first amendment right of publishing anything they damn well please. Shit, can I get a witness!

Eric Morrison  
Whalesong Editor-in-Chief

## Student Government Profile

### UAS Student Senator

#### Joshua Reyes



What are your main objectives as a student body leader?

My main objectives as a student body leader are to promote student clubs and activities in and out of school. I want to create a balance of academic and social clubs, which can provide the students with a richer experience. This will better equip them in future job opportunities, as well as develop the social skills essential for daily living.

In your opinion, what are the main campus issues/concerns for students and how do you plan to address them?

In my opinion a main campus issue or concern for students is the amount of courses offered. The school has an obligation to provide the required courses for graduation, but students also want to be able to take elective courses within their major that will complement the necessary required courses. Another main issue is to provide more opportunities for students to take classes that they were unable to take before because of conflict in schedule. These issues can be addressed in several ways. First, continuing to push for the \$16.9 million from the state government. Second, increasing the number of students enrolling in our campus (Which we are working on), and third, voicing out these concern to the staff and faculty.

As a student leader, what is the most difficult part of your job?

The most difficult part of my job is to constantly stay faithful to the students and their concerns. It is easy to go on a neutral gear and get by, and it is also easy to get swayed away by politics and personal agendas. I want to be true to my duty as a student representative, and to constantly make the wise decision on behalf of the school and most of all the students.

What are your long-term goals for student government?

My long-term goals for student government are the following:

1. Create Club Council, whereby all the clubs can meet once a month to discuss ideas and ways to involve the whole student body. I like to make this a permanent department for student government.
2. Continue to build upon the already established foundation of student awareness and involvement in student government.
3. Provide the opportunity for future student leaders to continue to push and carry out the proud name of the University of Alaska Southeast.

What is your most worthwhile accomplishment since becoming a student government leader?

Being that I just started serving in student government this semester, I can not point out just yet, any worthwhile goals, which have been accomplished by me. However, it is worthwhile accomplishment to be able to listen to students concerns, and then to start acting on them. As in any organization, goals do not get accomplished overnight, but there will be many good things happening in the future.

## Where does our money go?

By Rob Carruth  
Whalesong Reporter

Do you know what the Student Government Members do? Do you even know who they are? I didn't until Friday March 10, 2000 when I sat in on a meeting. I was surprised to see what kind of proposals they came up with. Senator Lori Oldacres wants "To help make a more comfortable and restful atmosphere in the Mourant student lounge by setting up a 55 gallon fish tank." The cost is estimated at \$1,600. I can't believe we made it this long with out a \$1,600 fish tank. Come on, can't we spend our money on something more practical? Maybe more computers or scholarships for students, or something more practical for students everyday living. Students need food, money and books, not a 55-gallon fish tank. I really like this proposal by Senator Amber Lee, "To recognize the services and/or accomplishments of student leaders at UAS for the 1999-2000 school year through the presentation of plaques." Great so now Student Government is going to give each other plaques at a cost of \$700 each. I'd be willing to make them some certificates and we could buy smiley faces or gold and silver star stickers to show them how good they are doing. This could save the students \$690 and maybe cut the SAC fee down to \$99 if we also spare the fish tank. True leaders are satisfied with their accomplishments and don't need a plaque to glorify their actions that they have volunteered to do. Recognition is good, but doesn't a true leader care more about those they lead, rather than themselves. I encourage the student body to start attending Student Government meetings so you can really be represented and have your voice heard.

## Whalesong's Student Government Survey

1. Do you know what the Student Government spends your money on?
2. What would you like to see the Student Government spend money on in the future?

Monica

1. "Some of it, yea"
2. "Keeping the skiing passes going, and let the students know where the money is being spent."

Jon

1. "I have a general idea, but don't know the specifics."
2. "I really don't know."

Lorri

1. "No"
2. "I don't care because I am leaving."

Ben John Flores

1. "Yes, I have seen part of the budget before."
2. "Programs that can encourage students to apply for UAS scholarships."

Elizabeth Singleton

1. "Clubs, Student Activities, trips, spring break, special events, dances, and ice cream socials."
2. "I would like to see an ATM and a stamp machine on campus. A pull rope on the short cut to housing. Also an emergency phone on the path. Unlimited parking rights' in the visitors' parking at housing."

Arif

1. "I have no idea."
2. "Work on the SAC, provide students with more sport-related activities."

Angelica

1. "No"
2. "More student activities for students."

Walt Burak

1. "I have no idea."
2. "How about the Student Government puts a message on the University's web page. Polling students on what they would like to see the money spent on. They need to answer to their constituents."

Jason Marsden

1. "No"
2. "More educational equipment."

Justin Porter

1. "No"
2. "More computers."

Stephanie

1. "No, really don't know"
2. "They need to spend some money and time on researching what activities students really want."

Joe Stubbins

1. "No"
2. "More equipment at the SAC."

Michelle

1. "No"
2. "More student Activities."

Dave Mason

1. "I guess I kind of know."
2. "More school activities like boulder competitions. Things that would get the schools name out into the community, maybe getting involved in programs like the Glory Hole."

Nicole

1. "I haven't a clue"
2. "Making campus nice."

Jer

1. "I believe they have pizza parties every once in awhile. I know they focus money on clubs."
2. "They need to focus on entertainment and lowering tuition costs."

Nikki

1. "No"
2. "Sports"

Carlos Ortiz

1. "No"
2. "Social activities and more equipment to rent at the SAC, such as skiffs for fishing."

Tenaya

1. "Climbing wall, technology, and the SAC. They continue to spend money on the JRC, and racquetball lessons for students."
2. "A gym, Play Theater, and a better music program. More incentives to keep students here."

Chris Carrier

1. "No"
2. "More things like lift ticket passes."

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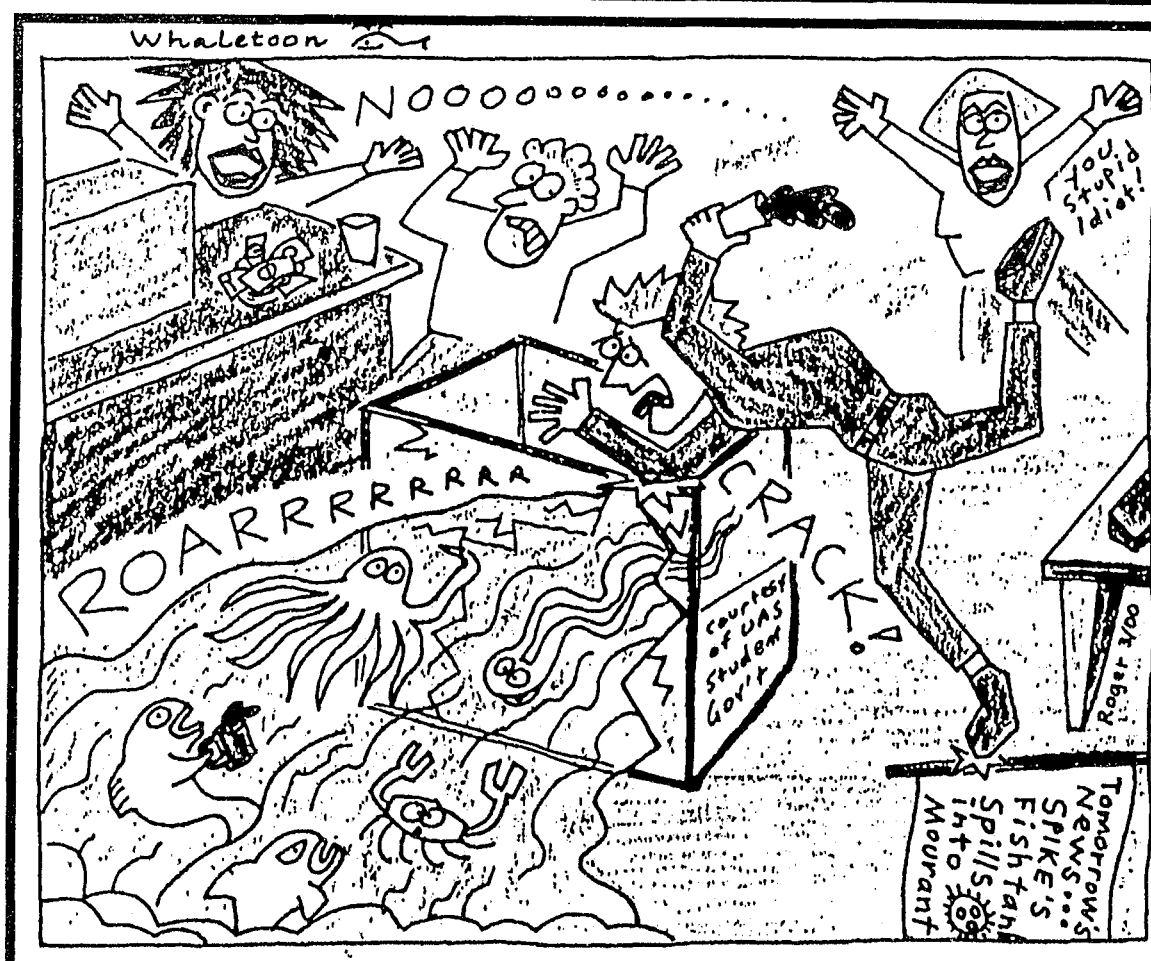
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Rights Project director Matthew Coles said the ruling "stops these right-wing attempts at censorship in their tracks" and called it "a significant victory for universities nationwide, for minorities and, most of all, for our nation's time-honored commitment to the idea that free speech has to mean unpopular speech."

Also among the numerous groups submitting friend-of-the-court briefs was the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which did so representing the University of Wisconsin's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Campus Center and more than 50 student groups across the country including the National Consortium of Directors of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources in Higher Education. Lambda welcomed the Ruling in that it serves to protect "free

speech and the rights of all students at public universities." Lambda is also representing the University of Minnesota's campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organization in yet another challenge by conservative students, again being represented by the Northstar Legal Center organization, in which the conservative student population is seeking to deny other Gay, bisexual, and transgender students their First Amendment freedom of Expression on the specious claim that, the very presence and existence of the diverse groups on campus offended them, and by that reasoning, denied the conservative population their own free expression. Though under fire the past decade, freedom continues to hang on with tough resolve.

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## Internet a threat Is somebody else on this line?

By Chris Flanagan  
Whalesong Reporter

A new report states, the Internet which has fueled the U.S. economy and President Clinton's attempts to increase trade with China, has become a threat to the Chinese government's policies of suppressing press freedoms.

China's ministry of security now has an entire department devoted to tracking dissidents and their writings online, according to "Attacks on the Press in 1999," an annual report by the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

The report details the number of killings, imprisonment, and other forms of harassment of journalists around the world. The report further states that by the end of 1999, China and Turkey had imprisoned more journalists and writers than any other countries- both holding 18 journalists behind bars.

Among those jailed in China is software entrepreneur Lin Hai. He was convicted of "inciting the subversion of state power" and sentenced to two years in prison for providing the e-mail addresses of 30,000 Chinese citizens to a U.S.-based online magazine that supports democratic reform in China.

"That was really a very striking phenomenon this year" said Ann K. Cooper, executive director of CPJ, a New York-based group that defends press freedoms around the world. "What we're now seeing is the beginnings of crackdowns on this. Commented committee researcher Kavita Menon, "It remains to be seen how effectively governments can control it, and police it because the Internet is so vast."

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is trying to persuade

Congress that normal trade relations with repressive countries, such as China, can eventually lead to a better standard of human rights there. According to the CPJ annual report, 34 journalists died in the line of duty in various countries last year. Sierra Leone, a small West African country roughly the size of Missouri, was the deadliest assignment of 1999, with 10 journalists losing their lives there, the report says. The committee suspects the deaths of an additional 18 journalists in various nations were linked to their journalistic work, but the committee's investigators are still working to confirm cause and effect connections. The report details how many countries are using other means to repress the media, as well, including such subtler tactics as "squeezing them financially through fines and punitive taxation, and by harassment and intimidation tactics."

The vice chairman of the committee, Terry Anderson, former hostage and Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, said kidnappings are another weapon used against the media. "It seems that this kind of thing is increasing, if someone doesn't like what you're saying, they'll just kill or kidnap you."

Behind Sierra Leone, the most dangerous place to report the news was, not unexpectedly, Yugoslavia, where nine journalists died. Colombia was also risky, with five reporters killed on the job. The report also states a wide array of other relevant attacks against journalists, including hundreds who were fined or assaulted, and a total of 87 who were being held behind bars for their work by the close of 1999.

## Housing Makeover Lower rent and more perks next Fall

By M. J. Booth  
Whalesong Reporter

The UAS Student-Housing department is adding some advantageous incentives to the current list of benefits offered to students living on campus. When discussing the housing costs that have been lowering around town, Housing Manager, Timi Hough said, "We're going with the trend in Juneau." Along with a reduction in semester and yearly housing costs, there will be a few other attractions to entice students into the camaraderie and lively atmosphere acquired by living on campus.

**Co-ed Housing**  
For those not aware, there WILL BE co-ed housing starting in the fall semester 2000. In order to take advantage of this "test" year there are a couple requirements that must be met. First, four people must be in agreement to the living situation for at least a semester, if not longer. This living arrangement may sound easier than it really is. The four people need to understand that should anyone need to back out of the agreement for whatever reason (emergency or personal etc.) the three left over will be responsible for finding a fourth roommate. If another roommate is not found, they will be required to pay the rent for that empty room.

Second, a letter of intent must be written. The letter should state why those four people feel it would benefit them to live in a co-ed apartment and all four roommates must sign this missive. This not only makes the future roommates seriously consider what they are getting into, but it also protects the university from any problems that may arise. For example, if a parent should call and ask "What is my daughter/son doing living in co-ed dorms?" The housing department will be able to show that signed letter and prove that they did not just stick people in a mixed sex apartment. So far, there have been three groups of students that will be living "co-ed" next semester. Please keep in mind that this is not for Banfield rooms, it is for the

four bedroom apartments only.

### Wireless Internet connections

As you read this, the wireless Internet connections are being tested and worked on at housing. Basically, a wireless connection allows you to access a network without the use of any type of wiring. (Much like a cordless phone.) This will be highly beneficial to students with laptops and personal computers that they may have in their apartment or room as it will allow them access to the Internet. Joe Nell is the aficionado on the subject and would be happy to answer any questions. He can be reached at 465-6452, 8am-5pm weekdays.

### Laundry updates

Student Activities and Housing Director, Tish Griffin, stated that free laundry for students in Banfield Hall is a "definite thing" for next semester. As for the laundry room in the housing lodge, she will also be extending the 30-minute dry time by 15 minutes making it 45 minutes of dry time for 75 cents. For all those financially challenged students out there, this should help with some of the budget costs.

### Telephones

Starting in the fall telephones will be placed in each apartment and in each living unit of Banfield Hall. Safety and accessibility are the main reasons for this wonderful new perk. In the apartments, the phone will be placed in the living room, and in Banfield the phones will be in each room. All phones will be for "local" calls only. Long distance calls must be made with a calling card. Separate phone jacks will still be available for those who would like a private line in their personal space.

All of these bonuses are at no additional cost to the student. In fact, as stated before, students living on campus will get these additional benefits plus a price cut in rent! Any questions about these subjects or any other housing topic should be directed to either Timi Hough at 465-6389 or Tish Griffin at 465-6529.

## MARATHON

Running. From the plains where I waited, a thin, half-naked man among the armored athletes, where I saw, without learning, their sense of the motion of battle, as helmets broke the single sun, and swords cut light to fragments to be read like stars. Already I glisten, entirely free to run from battle still joined, as certain of victory as the warriors who dispatched me, having learned on a day as hot as this how to run forever. On the hills of Marathon it is as it was then, sweat caught between heats, rising, invisible and buoyant, breathable as air, until running turns to dancing, almost floating, then risen surely, touching only to feel the Earth, released from the effort of motion. I can choose not to run at all, but let the planet spin beneath my feet as though I were fixed to sky.

I have only to look to be where I will, at a hilltop to watch it draw toward me, at a stream to feel my bare feet cool, touching the surface like sunlight. Merely with my eyes, I return near the battle, through ruined campfires where logs smolder like some miniature sacked city, inhabited by only the dying. Their armor is shed as locust husks, as if hoping to find wings or, failing that to find a wound healed, or smaller than it feels, anything but the red and purple brands where once familiar flesh slowed fragments of sunlight. I come to them and enter as breath, feel the weight of chests grown heavy as armor itself, see their glazed dreams of returning to Athens alive, to stop time with belly full of red wine, and roll dirt floors smooth with the sating of gathered lusts, then wake to early sunlight to plow fields into waves to be walked on until the Earth tilts itself for harvest. But I am the only miracle here, rise from the smoldering ruins of men as the last of the fighting draws toward me, and my feet touch sand damp with blood finding its own immortality amid the stiffening dead. The planet spins beneath them, changed forever by their immortal blood, by the wake of their plows and the tumblings of lust, spins them to Athens with me where the citizens are waiting in waves, so near to me now their breaths steal my own. I bring them two messages of war, gasp: "Rejoice, we conquer," and fall at their feet with the dead of Marathon.

Mark R. Hamilton  
1972

*Editor's note: It has taken multiple conversations and plenty of badgering persistence to get this submission from President Hamilton. It goes to show that if you speak, he will listen. Thank you Mark, for your support of the Whalesong, UAS, and your relentless drive to make the UA System a better educational experience for all.*

## Let's do our part Recycling at UAS is inadequate

By Rob Carruth  
Whalesong Reporter

Do you recycle? Did you know that UAS only recycles paper? What about plastics, glass, tin and aluminum cans. Come on, at least we could recycle aluminum cans and glass. What is more important, a clean environment to live in or shall we turn Alaska into a DUMP? It's not just UAS that doesn't care about our environment here in "the last frontier," our state leaders let this continue as well. It was very disturbing to hear that the recycle binds on the Alaska Marine Highway System are just fronts. The state employees that work on the Ferry System are told to throw the aluminum cans in a trash dumpster with the rest of the garbage.

There's something we can do to make UAS more environmentally friendly. All it takes is your motivation. That's right. You, me, everyone and anyone that cares about this great state we call Alaska. Locally, there are things that we can do to help our earth. Alice Walker once said, "You must live in the world today in such a way as to make the world better for tomorrow. YOU make the future." She's right, we must do something now! Not tomorrow or next year, we need to clean up Juneau. Clean up our world!

According to Anchorage Recycling Center, "65 percent of America's aluminum is being recycled, but one million tons of aluminum containers and packaging goods are being thrown away each year." Juneau makes up a small part of that one million tons of aluminum that is just thrown away with little remorse. You would think that the Capital City of the biggest state in the Union would have it together. How come we never hear anything about recycling in Juneau, or shall I say the lack of recycling in Juneau.

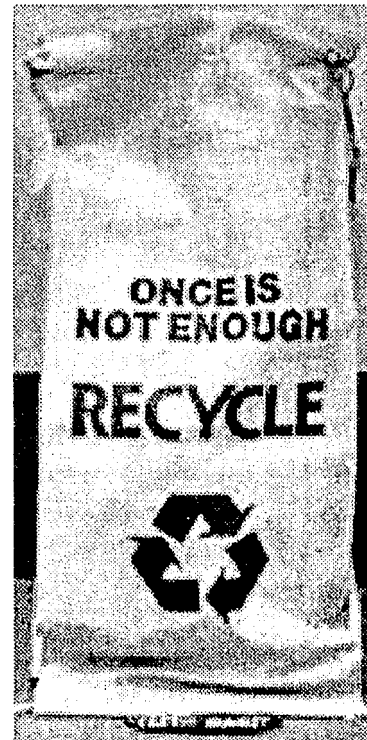
There is something we can do as good citizens of Juneau. We can join "Friends of Recycling," the only catch is that you have to pay a minimum amount of \$20. Also there is a new club forming on campus called "For the Earth Club," that all students are welcome to join. There are certain small businesses around town where people can recycle things such as fishing line, cardboard egg cartons, glass, aluminum and

hangers, but they are too much of a burdened for most people, it's easier just to throw these things away. Why must we drive all over town dropping this stuff off at different businesses, sometimes having to pay to recycle? It's like being punished to do something good for the community. Recycling should be made more convenient and simple. Jer Barrow, a UAS student, said, "I am somewhat concerned about recycling, but I'm too busy to stop and ask someone which recycle bin is for paper and

which bin is for aluminum cans. They need to be clearly marked." I asked him if he would recycle glass, aluminum cans and paper products if there was clearly marked recycle bins and he said, "most definitely"

Recycling should be made easy and convenient at all state buildings including the University of Alaska SE. People sometimes throw their used paper in the recycle bins, but more often than not, I see paper in the trash. Sometimes I even see unaware people throw their trash in the recycle bins. What's up with that? There should be clearly marked recycle bins in every classroom and a couple in every common area in each building. It is important to have these bins more convenient. The University needs to do more than just recycle paper; we need to recycle aluminum and glass as well. I suggest forming a committee made up of students and staff. Then appoint someone to head the committee and find out how we can make recycling a habit here on campus not a burden.

For those interested in organizing a Recycling Program on campus leave a message at 465-6434, or stop by the Whalesong office and sign up on the door to be a part of the "For the Earth Club." Currently "For the Earth Club" is trying to get funds from the Student Government, to buy recycle bins for glass and aluminum cans. Also, we are working on promoting awareness, and clearly marking the university recycle bags. It's hard to tell what goes in this bags, white paper, newspaper or aluminum? Please join "For the Earth Club" to make UAS, Juneau, Alaska, USA and the world a cleaner, better place for us and the generations to follow.



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# The last Continent with a race wall

By John White Sr.  
UAS Student Contributor

I have been to almost every female continent, Africa, Asia, and South America. Metaphorically speaking, that is I have met women of every race and color. I was welcomed and in rare cases, some of the ladies would pursue my affections; however, along with every other male in this world I have experienced rejection. If any man says that he has never been rejected, then I call him a liar.

I am not bragging or beating my chest. I'm not like Wilt Chamberlain or anything like that. On the contrary, shyness and insecurities handcuff me when I try to flirt with the females of the world. My repertoire with the female species is quite humorous. Humorous because my friends would laugh at me for my feeble attempts in flirting with the ladies. I'm ok talking to the ladies that I have known a long time. I get into trouble when I am trying to say hello to an unfamiliar woman; I lose my sense of humor, eloquence, and intelligence.

There is one continent where I have not been welcomed: Europe. In this day and age, it's hard to believe that an educated, enlightened, well-mannered, and friendly woman can be racist. There used to be huge signs in Alaska saying "No Natives or dogs allowed." Believe it or not, that sign exists today. The theme is still there, though maybe not as extreme, or obvious. The small card that many white women secretly carry reads "No Native Males Allowed." Instead of the Berlin Wall, it's the European Wall faced by Native males.

My frustration with the race barrier in my romantic life began when I was in high school. There was a white girl in my high school named Denise. She was very beautiful and intelligent. Denise was blond, blue eyed, and had a nice figure. What I

liked most about Denise was her sense of humor. We would go on and on with each other's jokes. We would make each other laugh for hours. We amused each other in good and bad times. We had the same classes and always did our school work together. If the class had to pair up, we always paired up. We were together most of the time.

One day, an uncomfortable situation with her friends arose. A friend of Denise's asked if we were dating each other. There was a long pause. I didn't know what to say; I was shocked and caught off guard. Denise finally answered that we were "just friends." She looked embarrassed that her friends thought of us as a couple. It had been my impression that we were more than friends. Maybe it was just wishful thinking. After that episode, we grew apart. I was certain that she liked me, but for some reason, she wouldn't get close to me. After that life changing experience, whenever I noticed a pretty white girl showing signs of interest, I would tell myself that it was only my imagination. White females were worlds apart from me.

Another example of my inability to appeal to white women was when I was separated from my wife from January 1996 through March 1997. My friends would take me out to number of clubs in Anchorage to have a good time. We had a great time, except when it came to me noticing girls who obviously were showing interest in me. I was oblivious to these signals, especially with white girls. If there were signals of interest that a girl shows to me, my mind would say, "John, it's only your imagination; remember Denise." My friends would also notice the few white girls that showed interest in me. After a while, my friends would get frustrated and ask me if girls needed a sign above their heads saying, "I'm interested in John." Then and

now, I always felt the wall between white females and myself. Sometimes the wall of indifference was my own fault do to my insecurities. But I also knew the race barrier was a factor.

I never understood why the wall of color existed until I watched a television show on PBS. It was a round table discussion about racism in America. The show had African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, and European-Americans. All were expressing their views on racism in America. There was a white girl on this PBS show from Texas who was very cute. She explained that one time in high school, she liked this dark-skinned Mexican boy and she told her two friends about the crush. Her friends ridiculed her for liking this dark-skinned Latino. They would say, "It's all right to have them as 'friends', but nothing more." Almost right after that PBS show, another talk show was on about a family with a white daughter married to a dark-skinned Latino. On this talk show the white daughter's brother repeated the comment from the PBS show: "It's alright to have them as 'friends' but nothing more." This is when I realized that the wall that existed between the white females and me was due to racism.

For many years I thought I was paranoid, or just unfair to think this way about white girls. So I thought I would put my hypothesis to the test. I had three trips to the lower forty-eight: Seattle, Portland and Phoenix. I purchased each city's paper, usually the Sunday paper. In the Sunday paper was the single's section. I counted all the SWF (Single White Female) ads. Then I read their ads and counted the ones that specifically were looking for SWM (Single White Males) only. What I found is that 70 percent of the SWF ads wanted SWM only, and only 30 percent said race

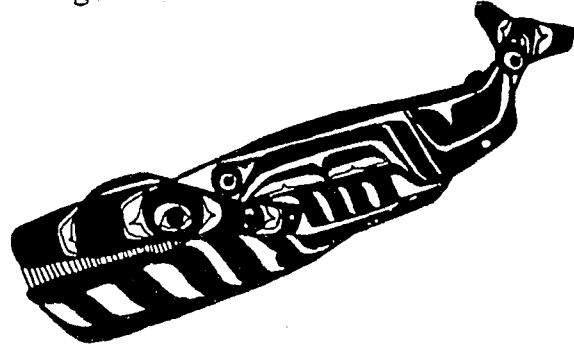
didn't matter. Then I researched the Single White Male ads. Their results of 70 percent said race didn't matter and only 30 percent specifically wanted only SWF. The inverted percentage with white males and white females reveals the differences on attitudes on race. White males view minority females as human and worthy to have. On the contrary, the 70 percent of white females put too much emphasis on race when looking for a mate. This confirmed my own observation that it's more common to see a pretty Native girl with a white guy than a pretty white girl with a Native guy.

My own unscientific studies show that it wasn't my imagination about the race wall with white females. It also taught me what some white females go through concerning race relations. It's interesting to me to observe how much influence family and friends have on whom these women feel they can love. That conclusion is based on my own experience. If they go out of the realm of their own race, they will get ridiculed for having men of color as more than "friends."

White females are generally friendly; however, the race wall (European Wall) that existed between white females and dark-skinned Native males will only come down if they view us as human. I am speaking to the 70 percent of the white females now. Where is this unwritten law that says your soul mate, your eternal love must be of your own race? If your soul mate is darker or lighter than you, who cares! Does your happiness lie with your family or friends bigoted views? How many of you heard there are no more "good men" in this world? When you limit yourself to the European Continent, your odds decrease dramatically in finding a good man. When the Europeans realize this, then that race wall will come down and they will have less trouble finding a good man.

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## Confessions of a city girl in the last frontier

By Lola Savatgy  
UAS Student Contributor

I admit it, I was one of them. I sat in traffic for three hours to get to a job that was 45 minutes from my home. Both directions I would sit, talking on my cell phone, honking my horn and trying to wiggle my Miata into whichever lane was moving. I had a standing weekly appointment to get a massage and a pedicure, not to mention the bi-weekly haircuts and acrylic nails that needed tending. I had a matching pair of pumps for every tailored suit I owned. That seems like a lifetime ago, and I've only lived in Juneau for 3 months!

I hated the idea of the outdoors, I know it's crazy but I actually feared getting dirty. The idea of walking around in mud and snow just gave me the shivers. Why would anyone do that when there are perfectly good movies to watch on TV? That was before my first hike, before I learned how to climb a rock wall and before my first snow shoe excursion. I'm a born again wilderness person.

Up until a month ago my kind of workout was 45 minutes on the stair machine, some weights and then I'd hit the hot tub. I had no idea how hard a hike could be. "It's just a walk," I thought as we parked by the East Glacier Trail sign. It won't be that bad...right. My first head's up should have come from the signs that

said... "WARNING LARGE PATCHES OF ICE ARE COVERING PARTS OF THE TRAIL, HIKE AT YOUR OWN RISK! Oh please, I was a professional ice skater, what's a little ice! It started off harmless enough, my sketcher boots that were oh so cute in the store window started to give me blisters! As we (my hubby and I) walked, the first thing that hit me was how quiet it was. There was no traffic, no people, and no alarms, just blissful silence. Occasionally, we would come upon small ice patches, I would push across and we pressed onward.

Then we came to our first real "ice patch." It covered at least five feet of trail and there was no way to climb around it. My first instinct was to turn around, but I came to Alaska for adventure (and a degree) and by gosh this was it! At first I tried "skating across it." My husband caught me that time before I went down, he grabbed my hand and pulled me back. The only way to get across was on all fours, like an animal. As I crawled across, knees soaking through, freezing my hands, all I could think is... "If only my best friend could see me now, no matching lipstick and nail-polish, braids flopping in the breeze, on all fours praying I don't wind up in a heap at the bottom of this mountain!" We made it across and muddy handed I pulled myself upright...there were no towels in my bag

so to my horror I had to wipe my dirty hands on my jeans!

"Well if that's the worst of it, that's nothing," I said. My husband just trudged ahead. I spoke too soon. Past all the stairs, that I can't believe they built up there, there was another patch of ice. This one was about seven feet across and uphill. There was a rusty pipe going up the hill so my husband went up that. I tried to follow...three steps and my feet went right out from under me and I came down (chest first) and slammed my chin on that rusty pole! As I lay there with the wind knocked out of me, all my husband said was "That looked pretty bad." "No? Really?"...I was not gonna cry. I got on my belly and used the moss to drag myself up. I could feel the dirt under my fingernails...yuck!

We finally made it to the overlook where you could see Mendenhall Glacier. My so in awe of that massive form that every time I see it I am struck speechless, and for anyone who knows me, they know that I never stop talking! As I sat eating my Craisins (I don't know...it sounded like good "trail" food.) My legs would not stop shaking, and I could not believe we had to climb back down. Dave (my hubby) seemed to be thinking the same thing, he said if we just kept going he was sure the trail would bring us back around (we should have had a trail map...I KNOW!). I said a

little, "it better" under my breath and we started off.

Let me just say that my second fall was even more graceful than my first. This one was a front slip, legs in the air, cursing like a truck driver, tailbone cracking fall. Again, all I got was... "Boy that looked like it hurt!" I almost didn't get up, but my butt was getting soaking wet. The trail down was almost all ice. We sat on our hands and just slid!

Two more falls on my backside and a beautiful waterfall later, we made it to the visitor's center. I've never been so happy or relieved in my life. The trail was amazing and there were unbelievable views from many different points on the way back down. I learned about devils club, the hard way (grabbing as I fell); I also learned what a switch back trail is. Aside from the numerous bruises and the "moss stained" pants I now own. I had a really great time. I did end up pulling rocks and devils club out of my hands for a few hours, but it was nothing that a long bath couldn't cure.

My first taste of Alaska was a definite change from the asphalt jungle I usually fought my way through. I would definitely rather be in hiking boots than pumps, and I certainly prefer the white snow capped skyline to the cement towers that made up the view from my office. I can hardly wait for my next big adventure.

## "Dim Sum"

By Wilson Walz  
Production Manager

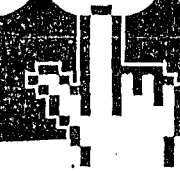
WHAAAAA! I will defeat your dragon style, my tiger style is stronger! If you like chop-sake flicks than you will enjoy "Romeo Must Die." The title is a bit misleading, you will not find any Capulets or Montagues, but Sings and O'Days, in this action flick. The theme of the two feuding families is similar to the William Shakespeare classic. The action is superb and the cast is realistic in the roles they play. Another plus is the fact that Joel Silver, the producer of the "Matrix," also produced this. That means great action and break through special effects.

Han Sing, played by Jet Li, is fantastic. His martial arts skill is of the unfathomable nature. He has been featured in several American movies within the past two years. He played the lead villain in Lethal Weapon 4, and has starred in many martial arts movies. "The Black Mask" was a recent success and was KICK ASS! Jet practices the martial art known as wushu. His co-stars featured were Aaliyah, as Trish O'Day, Kai Sing as Russell Wong, Isalah Washington as Mac, and DMX, the rapper, as Silk.

The movie started off at a very fast pace and never slowed. Han escaped from a Hong Kong prison and fled to America to avenge his brother's death. The fat bodyguard Maurice, Anthony Anderson, was a funny moron who took a beating and kept on ticking. Han Sing beat his chubby rear throughout the movie. Aaliyah was the daughter of the black crime boss Isiah O'Day, played by Delro Lindo, and she befriended Han. They race from scene to scene following clues to find out how and why their brothers were both murdered.

Revenge is the main theme. Although sparks do fly between Han and Trish there is no time for them to hook up. The final fight scene is one for the books. WOW! Han and Russell go at it, opening a Costco sized can of whoop-ass. I believe this movie is worth seeing, at least for entertainment value or the adrenaline rush. This movie is fabulous and "dimsum!"

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## Book Review

By Eric Morrison  
Whalesong Editor

Burroughs, William S., *JUNKY*, New York, Penguin Books, 1977.

*"Roy was such a junk hog that Herman and I had to shoot more than we needed to keep up with him and get our share. I began shooting in the main line to save stuff and because the immediate kick was better. We were having trouble filling the scripts. Most drugstores will only fill a morphine script once or twice, many not at all. There was one drugstore that would fill all our scripts anytime, and we took them all there, though Roy said we ought to spread them out so they would be harder for the inspector to find. It was too much trouble to walk around from drugstore to drugstore, so we usually ended up taking them to the same place. I was learning to hide my stuff carefully—"stash it," as they say in the trade—so Roy and Herman couldn't find it and take some" (21).*

*Junky*, by William S. Burroughs, is a heart felt, gut wrenching fictional autobiography about a "Junk" addict who is trapped in the depths of a life sucking disease. The book is more of a memoir than a story, which is mostly drawn from Burroughs' real life experiences. It deals with the everyday struggle that addicts must deal with, such as poverty, police, jail, jealousy, scoring, sexuality, rehabilitation, relapse, and all around pain.

When the book was first published in 1953, many people across the nation wanted to see it censored or banned. The book is a very raw account of addiction, a story that many people assumed to be a communist ploy, trying to corrupt the youth into using drugs. Truth is, this book is a very powerful testimony of why people should steer clear of "junk," and all drugs for that matter. Burroughs mainly emphasizes on the trials, tribulations and heartaches that drug addiction brought him and his closest friends. This is a book that should be read by people with open minds, who are willing to walk vicariously in the shoes of a hard core drug addict, and willing to witness the pain that resides along that path.

## UAS welcomes new club

By M. J. Booth  
Whalesong Reporter

It's time to "crop till you drop!" That's right, the new club is a scrapbooking club. What is scrapbooking you ask? Well, it's the assemblage of mementos, photos and words in creative ways that preserve and display some of your life's most important events.

The first club meeting was held on March 24, 2000 from 6-10 p.m. and around 8 people showed up with their photos and supplies.

Melissa Nell, a UAS student, who has been into scrapbooking for some time, founded the club. The staff sponsor is Jeri Cary, a UAS employee that works at the library, who also has a deep interest in the hobby. The two thought starting the club would be great because it would allow fellow "scrapers" to share ideas as well as supplies and meeting at the university would provide ample room to spread out their materials to work on layouts.

The club offers several things to club members. If you are a beginner or have never done any scrapbooking before they will help you with getting started, from tips to organizing your

photos to supplying your first page to practice on. They can also offer some supplies for 'at cost' prices and give you information for acquiring more supplies.

While the club is starting late in the semester they do plan on sticking around for awhile. In the future they plan on having some guest speakers, such as photography experts as well as people knowledgeable in archival preservation. They will also have a website that can be accessed from the UAS student's page, watch for it!

The club is open to all students as well as friends of students. This club is for FUN; they are not trying to sell anything to anyone. So come and learn about scrapbooking or come to "crop" or just come to socialize. The next meetings will be on April 7 from 6-10 p.m. in room 205 of the Hendrickson building and on April 21 from 6-10 p.m. in room 204 of the Hendrickson building. If you have any further questions or would like to be put on the club e-mailing list please contact Melissa Nell at [menell@gic.net](mailto:menell@gic.net) or Jeri Cary at [jeri.cary@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jeri.cary@uas.alaska.edu)

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